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November 1, 2005 2:18 PM

Senator Olympia Snowe U.S. Senate 154 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Snowe:

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Sincerely,

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Michael MacFarland

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Representative Te an Allen U.S. House of Representatives 1127 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Senator Mike DeWine U.S. Senate 140 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Representative Dennis Cardoza U.S. House of Representatives 435 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

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Senator Dick Durbin U.S. Senate 332 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Senator Dianne Feinstein U.S. Senate 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Feinstein:

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Senator Jon Kyl U.S. Senate 730 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Senator Hillary Clinton U.S. Senate 476 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Representative Greg Walden U.S. House of Representatives 1210 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

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Representative Mike Castle U.S. House of Representatives 1233 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Senator John Cornyn U.S. Senate 517 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Senator Pat Roberts U.S. Senate 109 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Senator Chuck Grassley U.S. Senate 135 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Senator Dianne Feinstein U.S. Senate 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Senator Edward Kennedy U.S. Senate 315 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Senator Conrad Burns IJ.S. Senate 187 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Senator Pete Domenici U.S. Senate 328 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Senator Richard Burr U.S. Senate 217 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Senator Charles Schumer U.S. Senate 313 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Mary Hansen - MAILROOM

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January 10, 2006 09:40 PM

The Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear The Federal Communications Commission:

The flat-fee Universal Service Fund proposal is unfair. I urge you to oppose this plan. I am one of the millions of consumers that will be unfairly taxed at a higher rate under the flat fee plan. The flat-fee would mean a tax hike for people like me -- consumers that use prepaid cellular phones or make few long distance calls.

I support the Keep USF Fair Coalition, and monitor this issue on their website. Stopping the flat fee tax is important to my family - not to mention my pocket book. You will hear from me again, until this issue is resolved fairly! The flat-fee is unfair, and un-American.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as high-volume residential or business customers. I urge you to reject this flat-fee proposal. Thank you.

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

Mary Hansen

Sincerely,

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Senator Herb Kohl Senator Russell Feingold Representative Paul Ryan